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PRICE FIVE CENTS.

CAUSED BY PROSPERITY

Great Falls Suffer in Need of More Commodious School Houses.

ERECTING NEW BUILDINGS

Doings in Financial Circles—Burlington Railroad Surveyors—Great Northern Shops—The Barker Mines.

Special to the Standard.

GREAT FALLS, Oct. 25.—It is expected that the fine new brick school building on the south side will be completed in a few weeks. Work on the second building has already been commenced and will be pushed with all possible speed. This structure will be situated on the north side. With three large, two-story brick school houses, this city will be prepared to train a vast number of pupils. For some time past trouble has been experienced in this direction from the fact that the Central school building has been overcrowded with children. About two weeks ago it was found necessary to secure a number of school rooms. Rooms were rented in the court house building. Teachers were secured and everything is running along smoothly, though these rooms are a little too crowded. An idea can be formed of the state of affairs at the Central school when there was upwards of 400 pupils in the building at one time. The children in the primary classes only attend school a part of each day, half of them in the morning, and the other half in the afternoon. This trouble has all been caused by the rapid growth of this city. A year ago all the children in the city could have found ample school accommodations, but now things are different. All this trouble will, however, be remedied in a few short weeks. The system of teaching adopted in the schools here is said to be of the very highest order by people who know what they are talking about. The teachers have all had long experience and have the respect and esteem of their pupils. The children take deep interest in their studies, and through the care and watchfulness of Superintendent Danks everything is running like clockwork, notwithstanding the fact that both teachers and pupils are laboring at a disadvantage. Great Falls people should rejoice in the fact that they will soon have facilities for teaching the young which will be second to none in the state of Montana.

The attraction at the Park theatre during the past week was a good one, and has drawn crowded houses each evening. An entire change of programme will be made during the coming week. A spectacular burlesque, entitled "Andromeda, the Sculptor," will be produced.

The New York Philharmonic club will give one of its superb concerts at the Park hotel in this city next Saturday evening, October 31, the proceeds of the entertainment to be used for the benefit of the building fund of the new Congregational church.

Lodge No. 211, B. P. O. E., is progressing finely. The order in this city has only been organized a few weeks, and yet the Elks have a strong membership list which is being increased at each meeting. It is understood that the initiation fees will be raised in a short time. The social sessions are highly enjoyable, it is said.

Several carloads of ore are shipped into this city each week from Barker and vicinity. A number of the mines situated at Barker are said to be very rich, and their worth steadily increases, with additional development. It is said that the shipments to the smelters here will be largely increased in the next month or two.

S. V. Carter, cashier for the hardware firm of Hotchkiss & Hawkins of this city, was married in Washington, D. C., last Monday to Miss L. B. Swift, daughter of Colonel Swift of the United States army service. Mr. and Mrs. Carter will arrive here Sunday. They will reside in this city permanently.

The surveyors on the Burlington route are working towards this city from Armon and will probably reach here in about three weeks. It is almost an assured fact that the Burlington company will extend its line to this city next year. Great Falls is rapidly becoming a railroad center in this state.

The city jail has been undergoing a thorough system of renovation during the past two months. The walls, which were found to be in a dilapidated condition, were torn down and new ones erected. Many much needed changes have also been made on the interior of the building. The work will be completed in a few days.

J. W. Cornelius has decided to erect a fine house on Fourth avenue, north. The building will be of the latest style of architecture and will cost when completed upwards of \$5,000. Construction work will be commenced in a few days.

The Tod building at the corner of Central avenue and Second street north, is nearing completion, and when finished will be one of the finest structures in the Northwest. The building is six stories high, the walls of granite. Carpenters are at present engaged in roofing the building and doing work in the interior. A large flagstaff has been erected on top of the massive structure.

Work on the Great Northern car shops is being pushed with all possible speed. The round house is already well under way and will be completed in a short time, when the building of the shops proper will be hurried through.

Liberal Appropriations.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—Captain Rogers, commissioner of the world's fair in Brazil, states in a letter that among the estimates presented Congress by the government was an item, equal to \$550,000 American gold, for the purpose of making the best display of the resources, products and industries of that country at the Chicago exhibition. This amount is intended for the federal exhibit, and is in addition to the appropriations of the various states for their respective exhibits, which have been very liberal.

MISSOULA MELANGE.

What interests some of the Sports—A Dog Factory, Special to the Standard.

MISSOULA, Oct. 25.—Before the fight began on Thursday evening it was announced that Lou Kirchlin of Spokane, known as the "Sailor Kid," would challenge the winner. Kirchlin is said to be a pretty good man, fighting at 119 pounds. Callahan, the "Coeur d'Alene Spider," said after the fight that he would certainly accept his challenge. He said that he would fight wherever there was money. He doesn't seem to think much of Missoula as a sporting town, for the proceeds from the fight were only about \$125, which he says is not worth taking chances for. He says he can get a purse of \$500 put up in the Coeur d'Alene, where he is known.

Saul Hall, who manages Kirchlin, was in the Mascot during the fight and after it. He is a colored man. He says he brought out George Dixon, Ed Burns and the "Black Spider." He fights at 130 pounds or less, and says he is willing to meet any man in Montana, black or white, at that weight. He has no money to put up on the fight, however, and has no friends here upon whom he could call to back him.

The general opinion of Thursday night's fight seems to be that it was "rotten." It was on the square, but the men were not matched. To all appearances the "Omaha Kid" has no more business to attempt to fight the "Coeur d'Alene Spider" than to tackle a heavy weight. Naturally the "Spider" made quick work of him. After the first fight he said he had not been in condition and thought he could beat the "Spider," but he did not do nearly as well on the second fight as on the first.

The Mascot has been giving a good show during the past week. Waldo Whipple's dancing was the best feature. Ed Mercier, who runs the Siderboard, is also running what Policeman Keim calls a "dog factory." With his own dogs and those owned by Jim Bate, the day bartender, he has 18 at the Siderboard, and it keeps him and Jim and Ed Rhodes, the night bartender, busy to take care of them in addition to their regular work as mixologists.

MISSOULA NOTES.

Minor Happenings of Interest in the Garden City. Special to the Standard.

MISSOULA, Oct. 25.—About 2 o'clock this morning a palmer named Jim Smith got into a row in "No. 63," a rooming house on the corner of Broadway and Second streets. Officer Blindour who was passing, undertook to arrest him. Smith was tough and strong and resisted, and Blindour clubbed him with his cane. He gave him several scalp wounds and then Smith got hold of the cane and Blindour hit him with his fist. Several other officers appeared and put the nippers on him and took him to the city jail. He was shortly taken out and taken to Dr. Billmeyer who sewed up his head and sent him to the Sisters' hospital. He left there this morning and was out all day till re-arrested to-night, because he had no bonds. Friends soon went his bail and he is now at liberty. As usual some persons said the officers were unnecessarily rough, but men who were there say he gave Smith what he deserved.

Miles Mix left this morning for a six weeks' visit at Salt Lake. He may go to Southern California before returning.

W. C. Murphy returned from Riverside this morning.

General Manager W. S. Mellen of the Northern Pacific, went through here to the East in his private car this morning.

Little Miss Helen Simpf celebrated her 10th birthday with a party this afternoon at which 10 of her young friends were present. She entertained them royally at games and a fine lunch, after which they took a drive through the city and were taken home. She received many beautiful presents, including a handsome gold watch from her parents.

William Winters of Butte is here.

O. C. Cooper, wife and children of Grantsdale arrived from Spokane this evening on their way home.

They Were American Citizens.

RIO GRANDE CITY, Tex., Oct. 25.—The two men shot Oct. 10 by order of General Garcia, because of their alleged revolutionary proclivities, are now known to have been Juan Bagan and Jose Angel Vera, and it is almost settled they were American citizens and voters in this country. What they were doing in Mexico at the time is not definitely known, but the American consul at Matamoros is making thorough investigations. These are a very few of a number executed by Garcia very summarily.

A Socialist Republic.

PARIS, Oct. 25.—The Intransigent today publishes a communication signed by Le Boulanger and Rocher, members of the present chamber of deputies, and Michel and Pianton, former members, as well as a number of well-known revisionists, announcing the formation of a league aiming to establish a socialist republic.

Boulanger and Morphine.

PARIS, Oct. 25.—It has just transpired Boulanger was terribly addicted to the morphine habit. The most dramatic incidents of his life were passed while under the influence of hypodermic injections. It is also ascertained M. Bonnemain was a victim of the drug.

He Was Well Fixed.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Isaac Terkowsky, a Russian Jewish immigrant, when questioned by inspectors at the landing bureau today as to his financial ability to take care of himself, greatly surprised the officials by producing \$15,000 in cash and \$25,000 in letters of credit.

Gumb vs. Bartender.

Special to the Standard.

BOZEMAN, Oct. 25.—The gamblers and bartenders played a game of ball here today; score, 15 to 16 in favor of the bartenders. After the first and second innings both sides played ball, neither side making a run for four innings.

Horse Trainer Dead.

PARIS, Oct. 25.—Fred Carter, an American trainer for the well-known horse breeder and turf man, Paul Amout of Chantilly, died here of typhoid fever yesterday. Carter came here from Boston.

NOT A SMALL BUSINESS.

Headquarters for "Green Goods" Unearthed in New York City.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Central office detectives have just unearthed the headquarters of the "green goods" business in this city together with a cipher code, books of reference, lists of names and some 6,000 letters received from people in every state in the union. They have also arrested Frank Brooks and Terrence Murphy, head operators and leaders in the business. They also learned the combination had just sent out 50,000 circulars and letters preparatory to their winter's work. Inspector Byrnes has the names of the people to whom circulars were addressed, and will look after further correspondence in his own way.

Among the many letters seized is one from Superintendent Reid of the "Home Stock Farm," Alpine, Ind. He encloses \$50 for which he was to receive \$500 in green goods. He asks that they be expressed to him at Connersville, and naively says: "I presume it would be wise to attempt to pass them on the banks. The United States treasurer lives at Connersville. He recently resigned, you are aware, but he would be apt to be very shrewd and well posted, would he not?"

RACING AT OSBORNE.

Wallace Sports Dump Their Money on Their Favorite. Special to the Standard.

WALLACE, Idaho, Oct. 25.—The quarter mile horse race between J. M. Harris' Antelope of Wallace, and Stokes & Co.'s Dollie, which was run this afternoon at Osborne, was very largely attended, notwithstanding the weather being very bad. Wardner, Wallace and Mullin were well represented and no little excitement was manifested on both sides. Mullin and Osborne backed Stokes' Dollie, while Wallace came to the front on Antelope of Wallace, and Stokes & Co.'s by a party from Horse Plains not known, but it was supposed he understood his business. The track was not good but the horses finally got a good start together for about 400 or 500 yards when Dollie began to gain on Antelope, continuing to do so all the way through, coming out at the finish with good daylight between. Harris seemed to do bad work, as he tried to take up all the track. There was fully \$1,500 or \$1,600 changed hands and some of the Wallace boys came back this evening a little worse for the wear.

Dillon's Voice Heard.

DUBLIN, Oct. 25.—John Dillon addressed a delegation of workmen at Dundalk yesterday and made a flattering appeal for their support. He dilated upon the stipulation of trying to quarrel with England after all the trouble and time that has been occupied in securing friendship. A terrible thing to ask of Ireland, with her steadily dwindling population, is to break with Gladstone, at the risk of postponing home rule another decade. If this spirit of faction is permitted to spread, before two years are over they would have as many parties as there are such members, and be in the same position as 15 years ago, when every man was for himself.

A Young Colored Friend.

QUEEN CITY, Texas, Oct. 25.—Near here yesterday Lee Green, a 19-year-old negro, shot and killed Mrs. Lowe, the wife of his employer. He threw the body into a well and threw her 7-year-old daughter and 4-year-old boy in after her. Then to make sure of them he threw down a wash kettle and some timbers. The little girl was killed, but the boy escaped unhurt. The negro stole a horse and fled and started for Arkansas. A posse of men are pursuing him.

Against Superstitions.

PARIS, Oct. 25.—Pere Hyacinthe, in an address to-day before an immense audience, including many senators and deputies, condemned the superstitious abuses, such as Lourde's vision and the holy coat, and made a vehement attack on the pope's temporal power agitation as inconsistent with his priestly office. He said the pope would do well to heed the will of the Italian people and submit to the country's laws. The address was loudly applauded.

Prize Fight in Kansas.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 25.—A prize fight took place to-night just across the state line in Leavenworth county, Kansas, between Nelson Olden of this city and Dick Moore of St. Paul, for \$500. Moore was declared the winner at the third round. He had the best of the fight from the start, drawing first blood and knocking Olden down twice in the third round. Two hundred people witnessed the fight. Both contestants weighed 145 pounds.

A Precious Cargo.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—The Hamburg-American steamship Columbia reached the dock at Hoboken this morning. She had been watched for some days past by salvation army leaders all over the country, as among the passengers were Mrs. Scott Claiborn, leader in France and Switzerland, and her secretary, Miner Peaton.

A Tunnel Collapsed.

MADRID, Oct. 25.—Reports from all parts of the country say the floods continue in all directions. Telegraph communication with Paris is interrupted. The railroad tunnel between Valencia and Santa Clara was undermined by the flood and collapsed.

Arco-Valley's Successor.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—It is authoritatively announced to-night Dr. Van Halbein, the German minister to Japan, has been appointed minister to the United States, to succeed the late Count Arco-Valley.

Two Men Killed.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 25.—By the collision of two freight trains on the Canadian Pacific, W. J. Joll of Ontario and James Bell, passengers, were killed and D. Bunting fatally injured.

Shot by the Amer.

PARIS, Oct. 25.—The ameer of Afghanistan has sent a mission to St. Petersburg to conclude the Russo-Afghan commercial treaty.

MR. JACK THE RIPPER

Berlin Excited Over the Horrible Butchery of a Woman.

THE WORK OF A MADMAN

Her Body Found in a Room in a Terribly Mutilated Condition—The Murderer Escapes His Pursuers.

BERLIN, Oct. 25.—The city has been treated to a "Jack the Ripper" sensation. The horribly slashed and mutilated body of an abandoned woman was found at her lodging in the square quarter of the town. The assassin has escaped.

The woman was seen to enter the house with the man about 1 o'clock this morning, and within 10 minutes the man ran out. The woman was found on the floor fully dressed with her throat and abdomen cut open. Her name was Hedwig Nitschke. Portions of the woman's body were cut off and were carried away by the brutal murderer. The blood was spattered all over the ceiling and walls of the room and the murder seems to have been the work of a madman. Several suspects arrested during the day had to be released for lack of proof.

The body of the woman was nearly severed and ripped from the neck downward. It seems another woman tried to enter the room before the awful crime was committed. Her attempts disturbed the assassin, who suddenly rushed out, pushing aside several who were in his way. The inmates of the house were awakened by screams and the unknown man was hotly pursued, but succeeded in making his escape. There have been many crimes, including suicides, within the past 10 days in the lower quarters of the town.

FLOOD AND FLAME.

Great Destruction of Property in France and Switzerland.

PARIS, Oct. 25.—Great floods have occurred in the streams fed by the mountain torrents of the eastern Pyrenees. Many valleys have been inundated and crops and buildings washed away.

At Lim, the floods undermined several buildings which subsequently collapsed. Twenty inmates were killed and nine other persons are still buried in the debris. Railways have been washed out and much other damage done.

It is learned to-day that the village of Merinigen in the Canton of Berne, has been almost wiped out by fire. The flames were fanned by a gale and the local fire department could do nothing to check the progress of the conflagration. Nearly all business places and residences were utterly destroyed in a brief space of time. The Victoria and Wilderman's hotels being the only structures of consequence left in the prosperous village of 3,000 inhabitants.

The town was reduced to ashes in three hours. The wind was so strong that partly burned papers were carried as far in some cases as nineteen miles distant. The inhabitants of the burned town are in a destitute condition and relief parties have started.

MURDERED BY A TOUGH.

An Awful Crime Committed in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 25.—While Mrs. Sadie Kicker and a friend, Mrs. Daly, were passing the corner of Third street and Clark avenue to-night, Joseph Farley stepped out from a crowd of toughs and struck Mrs. Daly in the face with his clenched fist. Mrs. Kicker interfered, whereupon Farley threw her down and commenced beating her unmercifully with his fists and finally trampled her to death. He then jumped into a buggy and escaped.

Case of the Anti-Jewish Riots.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 25.—The anti-Jewish riots at Starodoub arose from the people's resentment of the action of the municipal authorities in granting permission to Jews to open their shops on Sunday. In the midst of the riot a Jew struck a young Russian and the report was spread that the latter had been killed. This greatly increased the fury of the populace. The rabble looted a number of wine shops and many became drunk. Suddenly a fire broke out in the Jewish quarter. The mob prevented the fire brigade from getting to work and 10 houses were destroyed. The mob continued the work of pillage until a late hour in the night.

An Unfortunate Wife.

DENVER, Oct. 24.—W. H. Burgess, a traveling agent of a furniture company of Cleveland, Ohio, arrived here this morning and secured the arrest of ex-Paying Teller Stem of the National Exchange bank of Cleveland on a charge of eloping and living in adultery with his wife.

Stem has been here three weeks and admits he has lived with the woman, but denies he eloped with her. They left Cleveland together on Sept. 23, coming direct to Denver. Stem declares Mrs. Burgess left here four days ago for Seattle, where she has a sister. Burgess believes she is hiding in Denver and he will endeavor to find her. In any event he will prosecute Stem.

Three Children Perish.

PENTAGON, Oct. 25.—The children of John Cummings, a farmer living near here, set fire to the house while their parents were absent to-day. The parents arrived in time to rescue the badly burned mother being fatally injured in getting it out. Three other children perished.

The Car's Action.

LONDON, Oct. 25.—The car's continued absence from St. Petersburg is much resented in the Russian famine district. It is contended he ought to make a tour of the stricken provinces, instead of going to Crimea, in order to stimulate local activity to palliate the overwhelming distress.

Noted Actor Dead.

LONDON, Oct. 25.—Adolph Dupuis, the well known French actor, is dead, aged 66.

FRENCH AFFAIRS.

Talk About the New Tariff—The American Pork Measure.

PARIS, Oct. 25.—The new tariff act cannot be promulgated before the end of the present year, therefore, there will not be sufficient time to make it the subject of negotiations between the lower, before the treaties with them lapse. The government accordingly introduced in the chamber of deputies, a bill to authorize them to establish commercial relations with foreign nations. During the year 1892 the minimum tariff will be applied to Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Spain, Portugal and Sweden, treaties with which will expire in February. On condition these powers grant France their lowest tariff rates, the minimum rates will be also conceded those nations now having the most favored treatment which include Great Britain, Russia, Mexico and Turkey, on the other hand United States, Italy and Romania are subject to the Mexican tariff. The French government will request the powers to revise during the year 1892 the treaties relating to navigation, trade marks, etc. The history of the debate in the senatorial committee in regard to the proposition for the rescinding of the prohibition of American pork, goes to show the senators who opposed it first urged a duty of 35 and 30 francs per 100 kilos in lieu of rescinding the measure, which at length passed when amended to 25 francs, and the opposing senators think it ought not to be lower than Germany's rate. The government, however, will demand the senate to vote a 20-franc rate, so as to agree to the proposition as it has already passed the chamber of deputies. The senate is likely to ultimately support the government demand. Senator De Canville, in an interview with an Associated Press representative, said the fact that hygienic objection to the introduction of American pork had disappeared would greatly help the measure through the senate.

The government is about to appoint Eugene Spuller, a well-known politician and formerly minister of foreign affairs, to the position of chief commissioner for France at the Chicago Columbian exposition.

GOOD AS A CIRCUS.

Captain Grubb's Wedding Will Be a Dandy Affair.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 25.—It has just come out here that the coming wedding of F. Hurd Grubb, minister to Spain, to a beautiful young Scotch woman whom he wooed and won at Madrid, is to be decidedly a spectacular affair. They sailed with General Grubb on the steamer Normandia for South Hampton last Thursday. Six young men, all members of that famous Philadelphia cavalry organization, the City Troop, are to act as ushers at the wedding, arrayed in all the splendor of the magnificent uniforms which is the pride of their troop and the most elaborate worn by any military company in the United States. It is of white, scarlet and silver, with high boots and silver helmets, surmounted by enormous bearskin crests, and in general magnificence is exceeded by but few uniforms in Europe. General Grubb is an ex-captain of the City Troop, he having resigned at the time he was running for the governorship of New Jersey. With his manly form arrayed in captain's uniform and six masculine beauties to back him up, the wedding ceremony should long be remembered by Edinburgh society.

KINNEY KNOCKED OUT.

Joe Tousey of Memphis Proves Himself a Sucker.

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 25.—Ed Kinney, the middleweight champion of Wisconsin, was knocked out today by Joe Tousey of Memphis in five rounds. The fight took place at Allenton, Washington county, and was for \$250. In the first round Tousey landed a sealer on Kinney's jaw. The latter fell and was down 13 seconds, but there was such a hub-bub among the spectators that the call of time could not be heard, and Tousey continued to punch his man until the fifth round, when another blow in the neck sent him to grass and he could not respond to the call.

Vessels Damaged.

PARIS, Oct. 25.—The climax of the gale which has been raging for three days was reached yesterday, when the wind blew with terrible violence over the Gulf of Lyons and the island of Corsica. An immense number of vessels have taken refuge at Marseilles and many of them are in a damaged condition. The towns in the valley of Aude are in a greatly damaged condition. Troops were called to assist in saving property and two of them were drowned.

Captured Two Sealers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 25.—The United States steamer Michigan arrived from Oualika today. She captured two sealers while in the Behring sea, the schooners May Belle and Otto, the Otto flying the British flag. About a month ago Andrew Johnson, captain of the forecastle, fell from the yard to the deck and was killed. Otherwise the cruise was without a mishap.

Sham Attack on Paris.

PARIS, Oct. 25.—The opening maneuvers of the French army began at daybreak this morning with a sham attack on Paris from the army having headquarters at Poissy. Genod was entrusted with the defense, which is a practical mobilizing of all forces of the garrison available by railway. The general engagement begins to-morrow.

A Pillar of the Church.

VAN EUREN, Ark., Oct. 25.—A sensation has been created here by the report that J. M. Weaver, a well known church member who has hitherto borne an irreproachable reputation, is an adulterer. He is land agent for the Little Rock & Fort Smith road and has held the position for years, and it is asserted his shortage will run into the tens of thousands.

Two Children Burned.

WINNIPEG, Man., Oct. 25.—A little dispatch to the Free Press says: Two young children of Robert Newsham were left alone in the house yesterday and in some manner set fire to it. Both perished.

LAUGHREN FULLY IN IT

Trouble Brewing for the Councilmen of the City of Phillipsburg.

HE IS NOW HIS OWN BOSS

The Ordinance Defining the Duties of City Marshal Repealed, He Takes Matters in His Own Hands.

Special to the Standard.

PHILLIPSBURG, Oct. 25.—Some people who know nothing whatever about the matter have been congratulating themselves and the board of aldermen upon the cunningly devised plan by which the marshal was relieved of his star. A great many suppose that everything is settled and there will be no further trouble, but it seems that the real source of the trouble has only just commenced. At the last secret meeting of the board the usual routine was gone through and Marshal Laughren was again exonerated, after which an ordinance was passed which was popularly supposed to abolish the office of marshal, but which in reality only repealed ordinance No. 7 defining the duties of the marshal. The board were informed that they did not possess the power to abolish the marshal's office, but one of the aldermen attempted to prove by the statutes that a board of aldermen had power to fire the mayor or do most anything else, and when the section he read did not pan out to his expectation he made a desperate effort to prove that the statutes were wrong. Legally as the case now stands, Laughren was elected for one year and is marshal and cannot be removed except for cause, so say the lawyers. The board have repealed the ordinance relating to his duties so that he is his own boss but still a legal officer of the town. He kindly notified the board the other day that he was ready for duty, and at the end of the month he will present his account for salary and if refused, will commence legal proceedings to collect it, and good lawyers say that there is no possible show for the town to win.

A FAD OF THE PAST.

Old Furniture is Not So Easily Gotten Now as it Used to Be.

From the New York Dry Goods Chronicle. There is a local collector who at one time used to do a thriving business collecting in his travels ancient pieces of furniture. He owns his occupation is about gone. He talks about it in this way: "Beginning about ten years back the craze for following up auctions and buying old furniture set in in the country. In the cities it dated away back of that. The first symptoms of the disease were old clocks. Some of them were fair looking, and some were not. After clocks, chairs set in, saddle-back chairs mostly. I've sold them as high as \$10 each many a time. Then old writing desks caught on.

"When you come to look at it, there's more sense in buying an old desk than in any other old piece, for modern builders have made not so much improvement in these goods. In old times there were no safes used in houses to give secure keeping to the law and family documents, so it was necessary to have some receptacle for them. An old desk of curried maple and slanting front, its lots of little pigeon holes, its locks and drawer room, is really a valuable piece of furniture. Ruffets and other furniture had their turn. Owners of houses out in the country and the dwellers in provincial cities are now the only people who can be roped in for old furniture. Old furniture which has belonged to somebody else, and old furniture anyway, is the fad of the past."

A Sad State of Affairs.

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 25.—The Oregonian's Vancouver, B. C., special says: Among the passengers by the Canadian Pacific steamer, Empress of India, which sailed today for Yokohama, Japan, and Hong Kong, was N. Y. Wategi, Japanese emissary sent here to investigate the traffic in Japanese women for immoral purposes. Mategi said he visited all the coast cities and some of those of the interior, and had secured evidence which he would lay before the government. It is of so shocking a character that he had no doubt steps would be at once taken to positively prevent any more of these women leaving Japan. There are, he says, over 3,000 Japanese prostitutes in America, and so successful are they that they are able to send home from \$500 to \$750 every six months, and he believes nearly all the money sent from the United States to Japan is used to aid other women to get out here. Mategi will recommend that the United States government be asked to put an embargo on Japanese women, as the measure of prevention in Japan have little effect, the women being able to secrete themselves on board outgoing steamers until away from the land.

I Can't Be Done.

M. Quad in the New York World. It was in a Madison avenue car. He took out a piece of paper on which there were many figures and said:

"I've been trying to invent a puzzle to put on the market this winter, but I can only get so far with it."

"What is it?" asked the other.

"This represents a street car. There are 12 men on one side and eight women on the other."

"I see. You want to get 10 on a side."

"No, I don't. Another woman gets on the car, making nine women to 12 men."

"Exactly."

"She must have a seat, but all are occupied. She looks at the eight women, but none of them move. She looks at the 12 men and—"

"And one of them gets up and offers her a seat, of course."

"Yes, of course. Now, what I want to place her among the eight women."

"My dear sir," said the other, as he turned away, "you had better tackle the problem of perpetual motion. It can't be done. If there weren't but seven women it couldn't be done. Either have your ninth woman get off and take a back, or let one of the men bob up and go out on the platform and catch a cold which will result in his death."

The population of Greece is increasing faster than that of any other country in Europe at present.